(b) who are the persons with designations authorised to use it; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to withdraw them and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There is only one twin-Saloon for the use of the President of India. In addition, there are 333 bogie (8-wheelers), 14 (6-wheelers) and 422 (4-wheelers) Inspection Carriages on all the Zonal Railways and Production Units.

(b) Depending upon the need/exigency of work, all officers of the Railways are authorised to use Inspection Carriages.

(c) No, Sir. To discontinue use of the inspection carriages is not considered to be in the interest of Railway working.

Naming of a Central agricultural institution in the name of late Chowdhary Charan Singh

470. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to name a Central agriculture institution in memory of the great Kisan Leader Late Chowdhary Charan Singh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, whether Government would consider the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Running of Ganga-Cauvery Express train

471. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make Ganga-Cauvery Express train connecting Varanasi-Madras a daily train;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be effective; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to operational and resource constraints.

New labour policy

472. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to consider the suggestions for evolving out a new labour policy, if so, what would be its major thrust; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY): (a) and (b) The question of formulating a new industrial relations law was discussed at the 29th Session of the Indian Labour Conference held in April 1990. In pursuance of its recommendations, a bipartite committee under the chairmanship of Shri G. Ramanujam was set up to formulate specific proposals in this rgard. The report of the Committee is proposed to be discussed in the next session of the Indian Labour Conference.

Manifold increase in expenditure of irrigation projects

473. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many schemes sanctioned in the name of Development could not be completed in time due

to Administrative deficiency and as a result thereof the size of the scheme is to be increased manifold for example Som-Kamla--Amba irrigation scheme was sanctioned in 1977 for Rs. 4.5 Crore and now it would cost Rs. 80 Crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reason therefor; and

(c) by when the above scheme is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The execution of the sanctioned schemes is delayed apart from administrative deficencies due to allocation of inadequate funds by the State Governments apart from unavoidable technical reasons and unforeseen field conditions. Due to time over-runs, the escalation of prices is the main reason for increase in the cost of the project. As per the present policy, the irrigation projects are planned, formulated and funded by the State Governments as per *inter se* priorities. The Central Government gives assistance in the form of block grants and loans unattached to any sector of development or a project.

(b) Som-Kamla-Amba Project was approved by the Planning Commission in May, 1975 at an estimated cost of Rs. 4.48 crores to serve Cultivable Command Area of about 13,870 hactre. Subsequently in 1985, the project scope was revised to increase irrigation to serve Cultivable Command Area of 17,724 ha. The revised project estimate of cost about Rs. 58 crores was considered by the Advisory Committee in May, 1985 and found acceptable subject to clearance from environment and forest angle and concurrence of the State Finance and Planning Departments. The State Government has since complied with the observations of the Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission. The latest estimated cost of the project as per 1991-92 Plan Documents of the State Government is about Rs. 96.5 crores.

(c) While the cumulative expenditure on this project is reported to be about Rs. 51 crores upto the end of March, 1991, the recommended provision for 1991-92 is Rs. 15 crores. The scheme is scheduled to be completed by 1994-95.

Demand to change the route of Konkan Railway in Goa

474. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a demand to change the route of Konkan Railway in Goa; and

(b) if so, what are the details and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The project is being executed by an autonomous body, viz. Konkan Railway Corporation (KRC). The alternative alignments of the railway in Goa were discussed by the KRC with the Government of Goa in detail. A final alignment was agreed upon which was confirmed by the then Government of Goa in December 90. This was reviewed by the Government of Goa in a meeting held on 25-3-1991 with KRC and certain minor changes were suggested which were accepted.

Extension of railway lines in Rajasthan

475. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of extension of railway lines in different parts of Rajasthan;

(b) by when they are likely to be started and when they would be completed; and

(c) whether there is any plan to keep the railways compartments cleaner in all the classes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Construction of a